



GENETICALLY GIFTED WITH UNCANNY ABILITIES, MUTANTS ARE BELIEVED TO BE THE NEXT STAGE OF HUMAN EVOLUTION. WHILE THE WORLD HATES AND FEARS THEM, KITTY PRYDE HAS REFORMED THE TEAM OF MUTANT HEROES KNOWN AS THE X-MEN TO USE THEIR POWERS FOR GOOD AND SPREAD A POSITIVE IMAGE OF MUTANTKIND.

PREVIOUSLY IN X-MEN GOLD...

RECENTLY, THE X-MEN QUASHED AN ATTACK ON THE UNITED NATIONS BY A GROUP CLAIMING TO BE A NEWLY REFORMED BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS--HOWEVER IT WAS ULTIMATELY REVEALED TO BE MERELY A GROUP OF UNWILLING MUTANTS UNDER THE TELEPATHIC THRALL OF MESMERO, SAVE FOR ONE: AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL BEING SPEAKING AN UNKNOWN LANGUAGE. IT WAS CAPTURED AND HELD IN A SUBBASEMENT OF THE XAVIER INSTITUTE FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS.

LATER, WHEN THE INSTITUTE WAS INFILTRATED BY A SERIAL MUTANT-KILLER, THE MURDERER RELEASED THE ALIEN FROM CAPTIVITY TO RETURN FROM WHENCE IT CAME...

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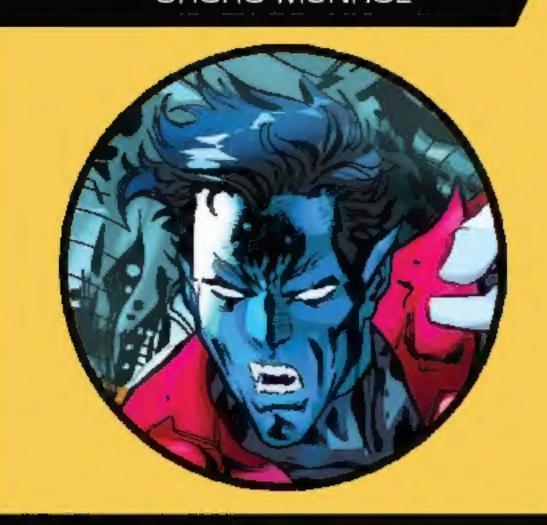
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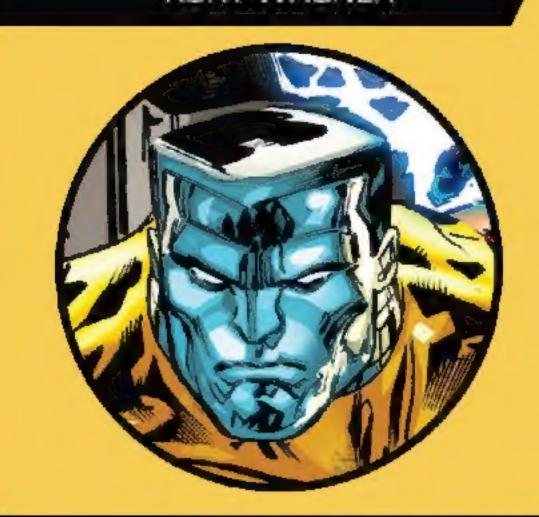
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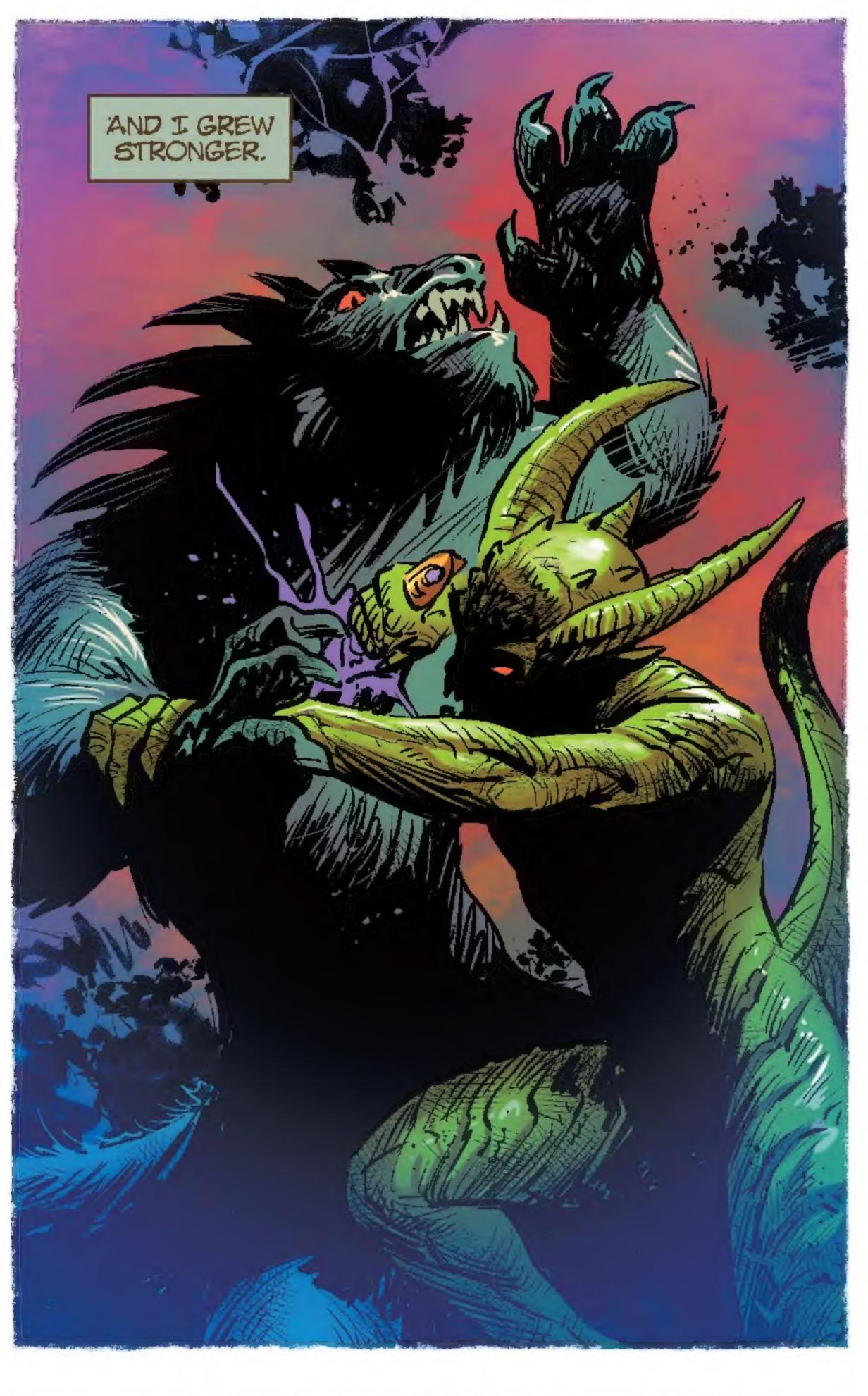


























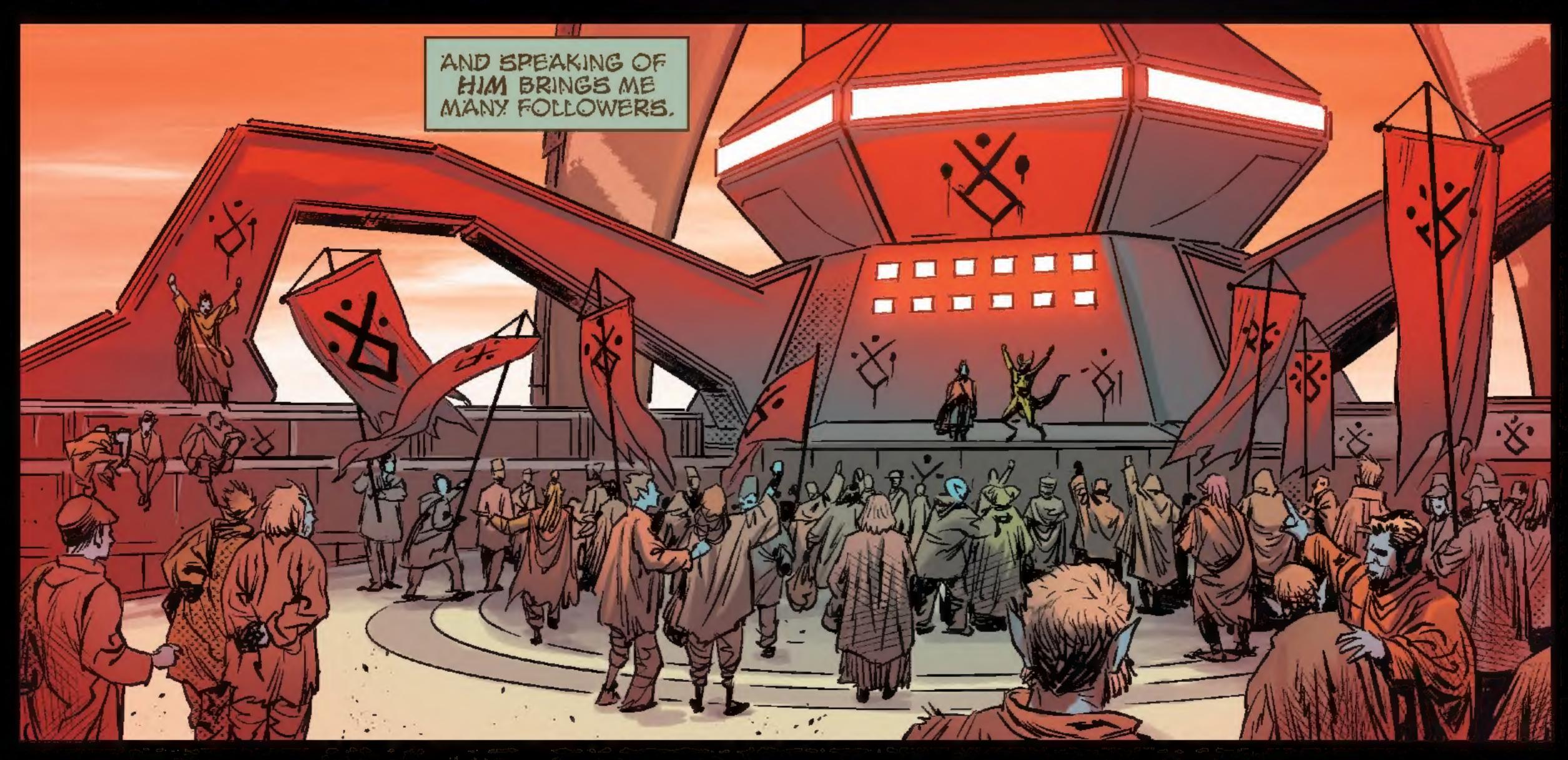


























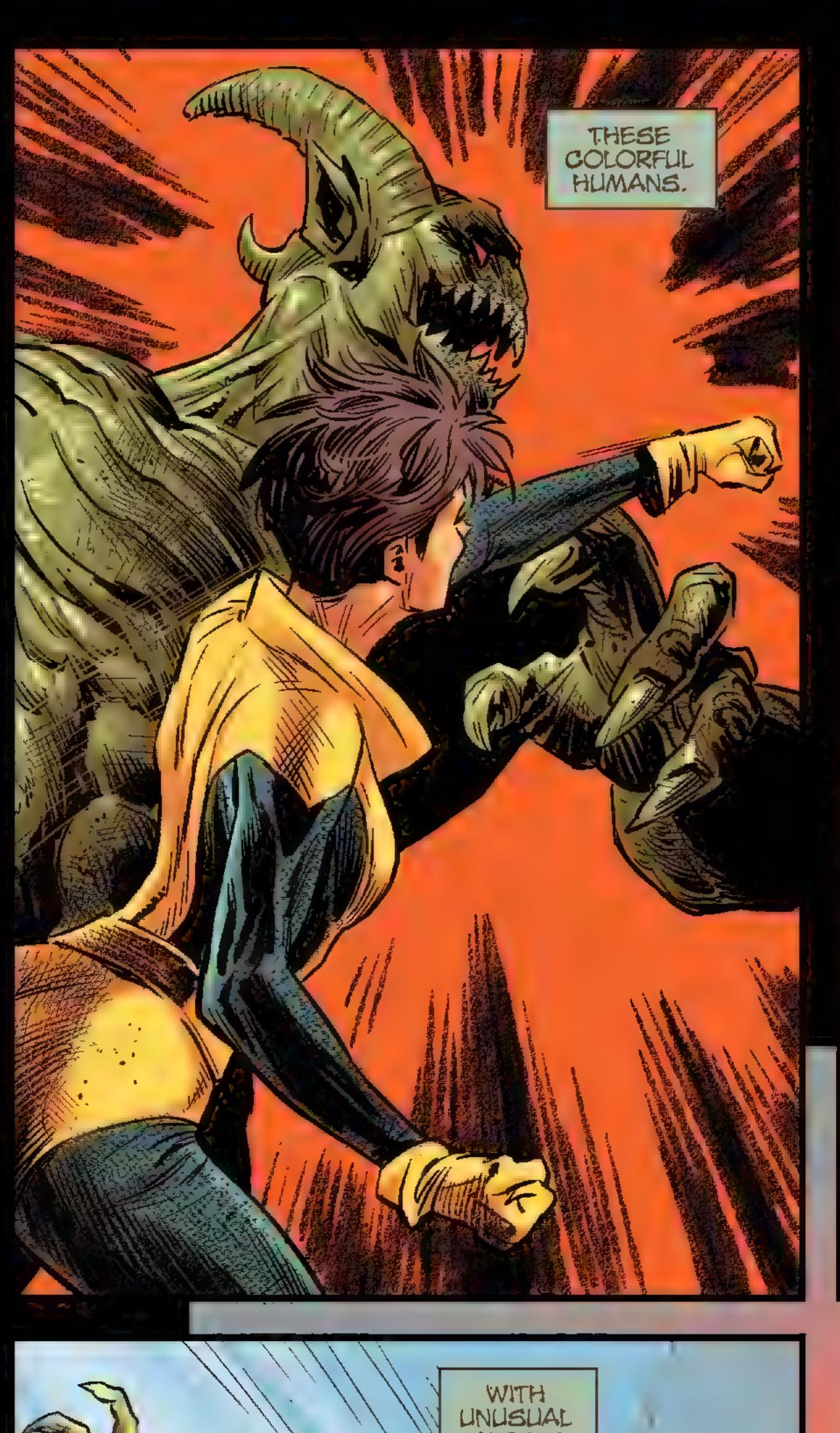




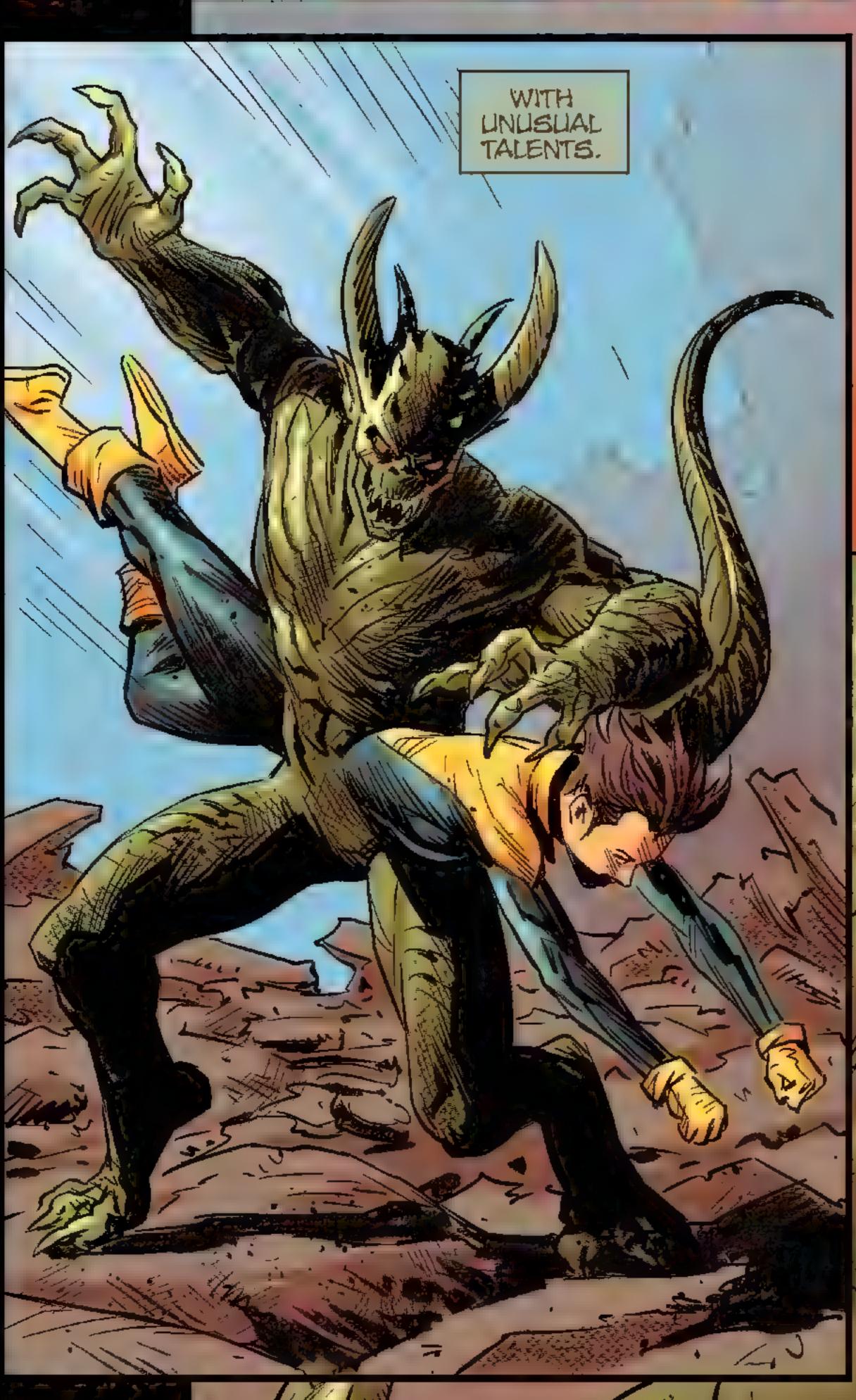












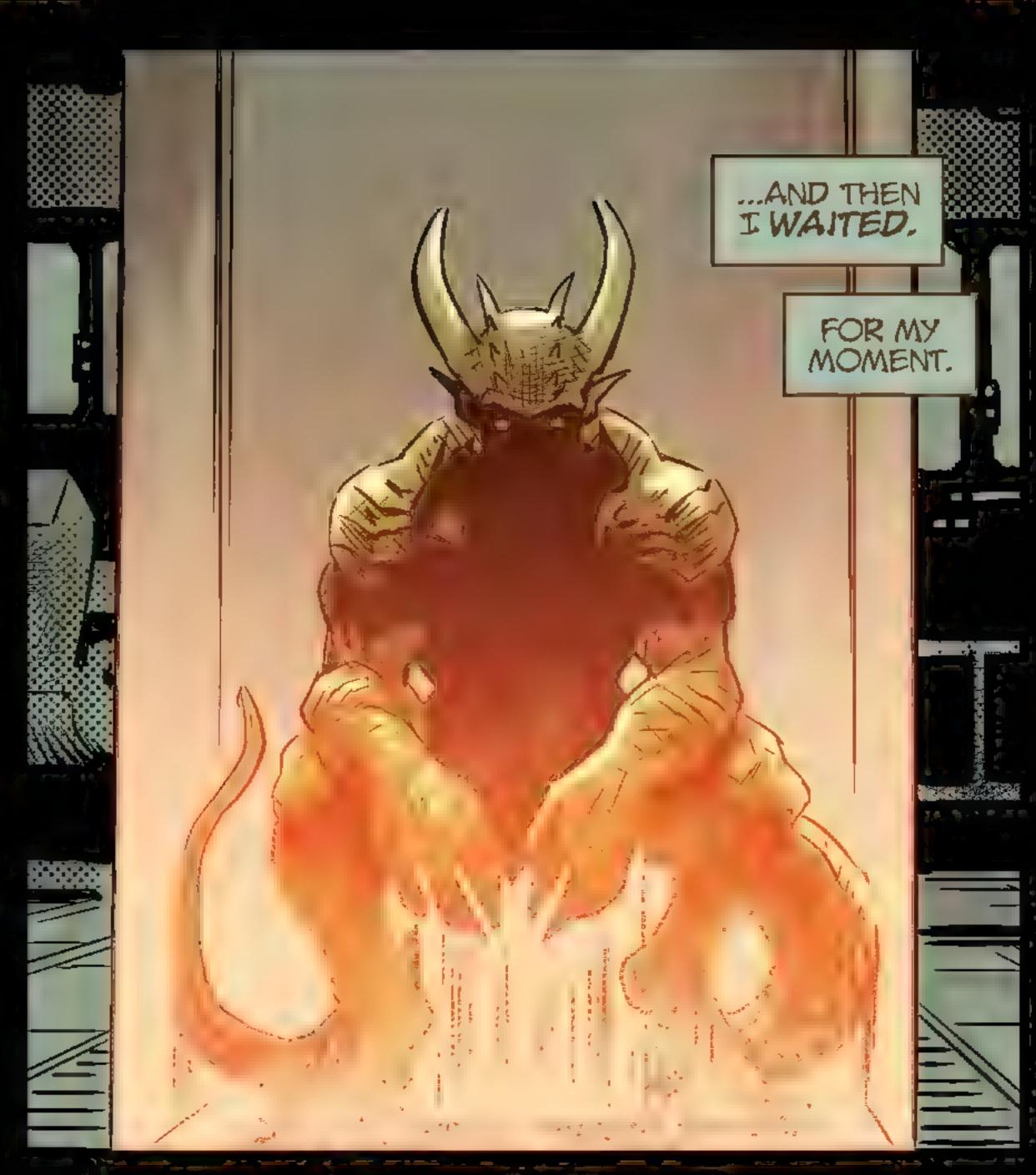




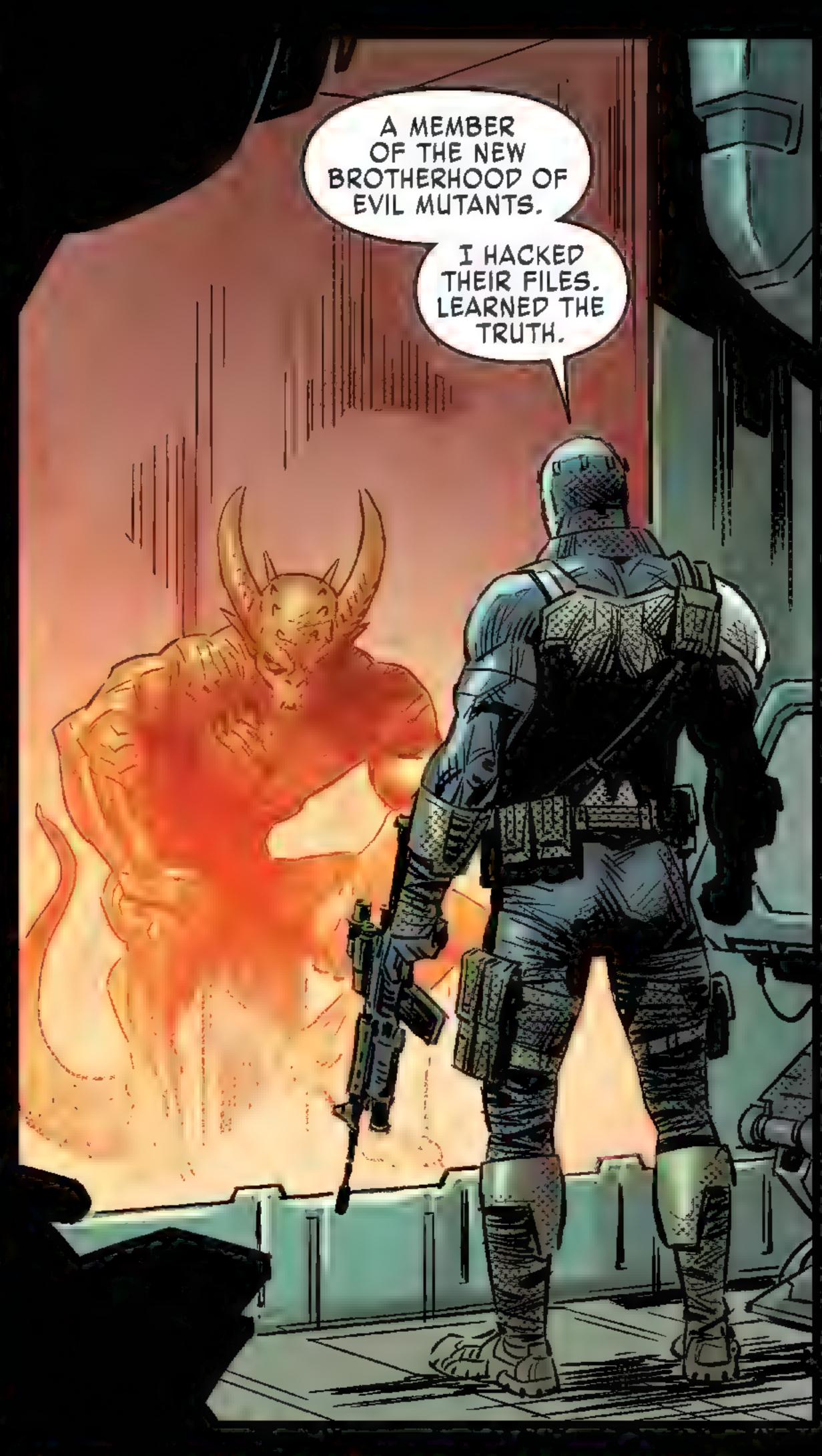












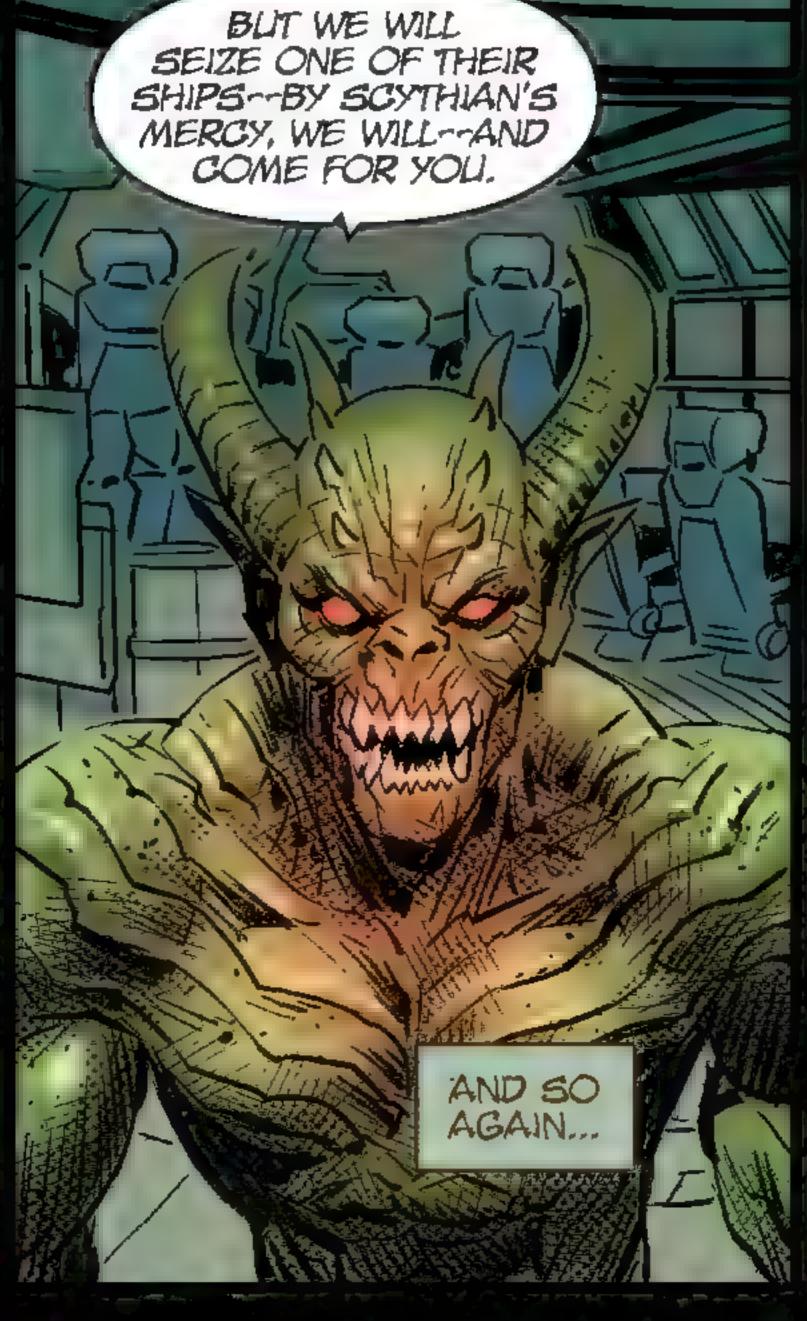


BY SCYTHIAN'S FIRE, THESE HUMANS ARE STUPID.



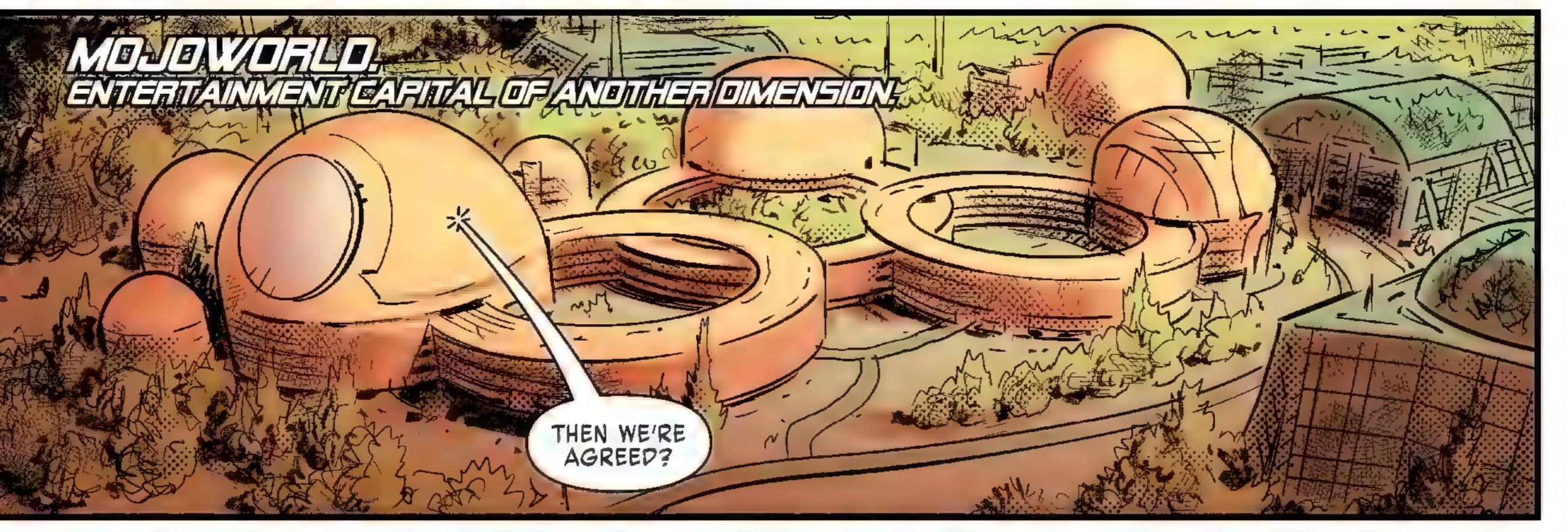






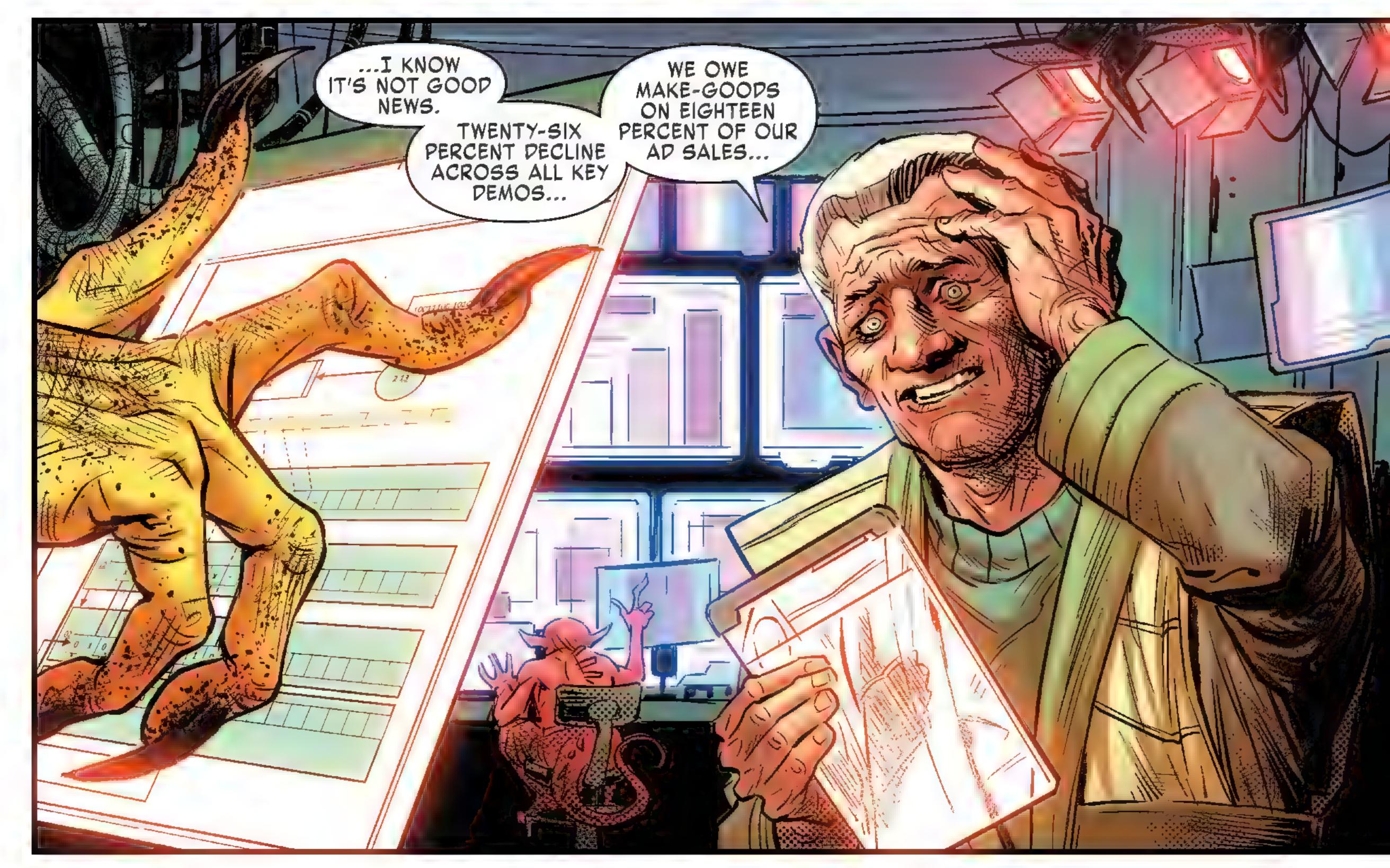














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THE GOLD STANDARD

Well, that was a change-of-pace issue, wasn't it? Hope you guys liked our little deviation from the norm. You haven't seen the last of Kologoth, believe me. And special thanks to Luke Ross for contributing his unique voice to make a unique issue even more, well, unique.

Let's read some letters emails!

Hey X-Team!

It's difficult to describe just how excited I am about the beginnings of the current run and the effort to go back to the old X-Men roots. I'm 37 years old now, and have been into comics since I was about eight years old, and was able to get my hands on some X-Men comics around eleven. I have current subscriptions to some X-titles and have enjoyed them, but was getting extremely nostalgic about the '80s era of the X-Men. The more I reminisced, the more I began to realize that the feeling which the comics used to give me from that period was one of the best feelings of my life. Like many others I know, it was hard not to feel like you were part of the X-family. That feeling has always stayed with me.

Amazingly, when I received X-MEN GOLD, I was elated to see that the creative team was trying to recreate some of the same magic from that past era, which I feel they have been successful in doing right out of the gate so far. I feel this is a terrific idea, and I for one appreciate it. The issue itself was very enjoyable, along with the timeline which was created to help bring people up to speed. I feel this is the right direction for the comic, and am very excited about future issues.

Honestly, the timing of all of this has helped restore my faith that you never know when you will be pleasantly surprised by life. All in all, I think bringing back this peaceful vibe is needed. I was also feeling pretty bummed that the X-titles haven't had a letters page in so long, which used to really make me feel more connected with the comic. I was sure that this was a thing of the past, and that I would never see my letter in an X-title, but as I have been taught more and more lately, you really never know what good things are waiting around the corner. Thanks!!

Ramz New York

Thank you, Ramz. We really appreciate that. And you're right about being pleasantly surprised by life. We need that -- along with the "peaceful vibe" you mentioned -- more and more these days. We live in very challenging times. It makes me especially thankful for the escape comic books provide.

X-Team,

Thank you!!! The first issue was amazing...and what a team! I am so glad Nightcrawler and Colossus are on this squad! So am I! What an uncanny way to get the X-Men off and going! UNCANNY. I see what you did there... Any chance of Rouge joining the team? No. What if I asked please? Oh, well in that case... Actually, Rogue was the only X-Man I asked for and couldn't get for GOLD. She's busy with those UNCANNY AVENGERS folks. That said, I did manage to sneak in an appearance in issue #10 and I'm always keeping my eye out for opportunities to do more. I love me some Rogue. Any chance of you having one of the X-Men answer fan mail? Yeah, there's a pretty good

chance... I used to love that..... Me too! And I'm so glad Marvel reinstituted the letter column for GOLD -- it really fits with the nostalgic vibe we're shooting for with this book.

Thank you again, I am so excited to see what you all have planned!

Chad Ewell San Diego, CA

Thank you, Chad!

Hello X-folks.

After reading issue #1 of X-MEN GOLD I just had to drop you a quick line. I live and breathe comics but I like to avoid spoilers as much as possible, so I really had no idea what was in store when I cracked open the book, (yes I'm old school--no digital here). Halfway through the issue my first thought was, "Wow, this feels exactly like the X-Men comics I grew up with," (obviously the roster itself had a lot to do with this). Because of this I must admit, I chuckled to myself when I read on the final page statements such as "Back to the basics" and "...a throwback to the halcyon days..." You hear hyperbole like this thrown around by creators all the time when a new series launches, but in this case I can safely say "Mission accomplished!"

This is exactly what I needed to see in an X-Men comic these days. Combine this with X-MEN BLUE which features my all-time team and it's great to be an X-Men fan these days. Thanks very much for bring back Marvel's Merry Mutants in a big and exciting way.

An X-fan forever, Dan

Thanks, Dan! Letters like yours are what keep us here in X-Land going. We really appreciate it.

Just finished reading X-MEN GOLD #1 and I have to say I love the new direction that is familiar in many ways, but more focused on the character development and awesome stories I have come to expect from the X-Men in its many iterations. Prestige's costume is great and Kitty looks better than ever! Best of luck and have loads of fun with this new X-team. I am super excited to see what's next.

Anyway, keep mine Marvel

David Albritton

See, Interwebs? Someone likes Prestige's costume! Seriously though, thanks, David, I love Rachel's new look as well. That said, some big stuff is coming up for Rachel in the coming months and that may occasion a change to her look. Stay tuned...

That's all the room we have for this week. As I write this, we're just a couple of days removed from the tragic events in Charlottesville, Virginia. Like I said above, challenging times. Be safe. Be kind. We're all in this together.

Best, Marc Guggenheim Encino, California

HOUSE OF X

This HOUSE OF X I want to talk about some spectacular storylines going on in a few of our books.

If you haven't heard the big news, sorry to spoil, but in ASTONISHING X-MEN we've revealed that X-Men founder Charles Xavier is trapped in the astral plane by his archenemy, the Shadow King. Will he make it back to the land of the living? Issue #2 is on sale now and reveals more of the mind-blowing and dangerous mission some of your favorite X-Men have embarked on. And, hate to tell you, but one of them isn't going to make it back. Written by Charles Soule and drawn by master artist Mike Deodato Jr.

One of my favorite X-Men villains, Omega Red, returns to give the X-MEN GOLD team a megaton of trouble in a heartbreaking story of Rasputin family drama. A poignant but action-packed tale by Mark Guggenheim and Lan Medina. Over in X-MEN BLUE, Hank's dabbling with the dark arts will have major ramifications for him and his teammates, so don't miss the beginning of a three-parter that will bring out the beast in our young team and debut a new future member. The mystical mayhem is brought to you by Cullen Bunn, Giovanni Valletta and Douglas Franchin.

And over in one of my favorite solo titles, ICEMAN, Bobby Drake reveals something he's kept from his family all his life while an epic battle with one of the X-Men's biggest baddies, Juggernaut, breaks out in the story of the year by Sina Grace and Alessandro Vitti.

We've run out of room but next House of X I'll give tidbits on more X-titles. And speaking of our winning lineup, here's a checklist of our awesome books:

X-MEN GOLD:

By Marc Guggenheim and Mike Mayhew. Kitty Pryde takes charge and leads a new team into a heroic age! Issue #13!

X-MEN BLUE:

By Cullen Bunn and Douglas Franchin. The time-displaced original five join their greatest enemy, Magneto. Evil mutants, you're toast! Issue #12!



By Greg Pak, Marc Borstel and Ibraim Roberson. The Weapon X program is back, but this time they are building weapons of mutant destruction. Old Man Logan, Sabretooth and a team of stealthy killers take the bloody battle back to them.

Issue #9!

ALL-NEW WOLVERINE:

By Tom Taylor and Leonard Kirk. A virus from another world threatens to wipe out mankind. Kicking off an epic tale that will take Laura Kinney to the stars.

Issue #24 on sale now!

GENERATION X:

By Christina Strain and Eric Koda. Jubilee and a band of mutant misfits in the new Xavier Institute. What could go wrong? EVERYTHING! Issue #6!

JEAN GREY:

By Dennis Hopeless and Victor Ibáñez. She's the leader of X-MEN BLUE, but what does she do in her spare time? What would you do if you had a premonition of the Phoenix Force returning? Issue #8!



By James Robinson and Yildiray Cinar. A new villain is traveling through time to assemble a doomsday weapon. Cable's most dangerous mission ever! Issue #4 on sale now!

CEMAN

By Sina Grace and Robert Gil. The coolest hero on the planet, Bobby Drake the elder, in super-hero solo adventures. *Issue #6!*

OLD MAN LOGAN:

By Ed Brisson and Mike Deodato Jr. The Maestro! Old Man Logan! Deodato! 'Nuff said! Issue #29!

ASTOMISHING N-MEN:

By Charles Soule and a murderers' row of chart-topping and up-and-coming artists. Fan-favorite characters battle one of the X-Men's most dangerous foes! Issue #4!

Make sure to let us know your thoughts. You can email us at officex@marvel.com (add "OKAY TO PRINT" in the subject line). And don't forget about #XMENMONDAY on Twitter, where I'll post some tidbit from one or more of the books and address your questions. I can't guarantee an answer for everybody, but I'll do my darndest!

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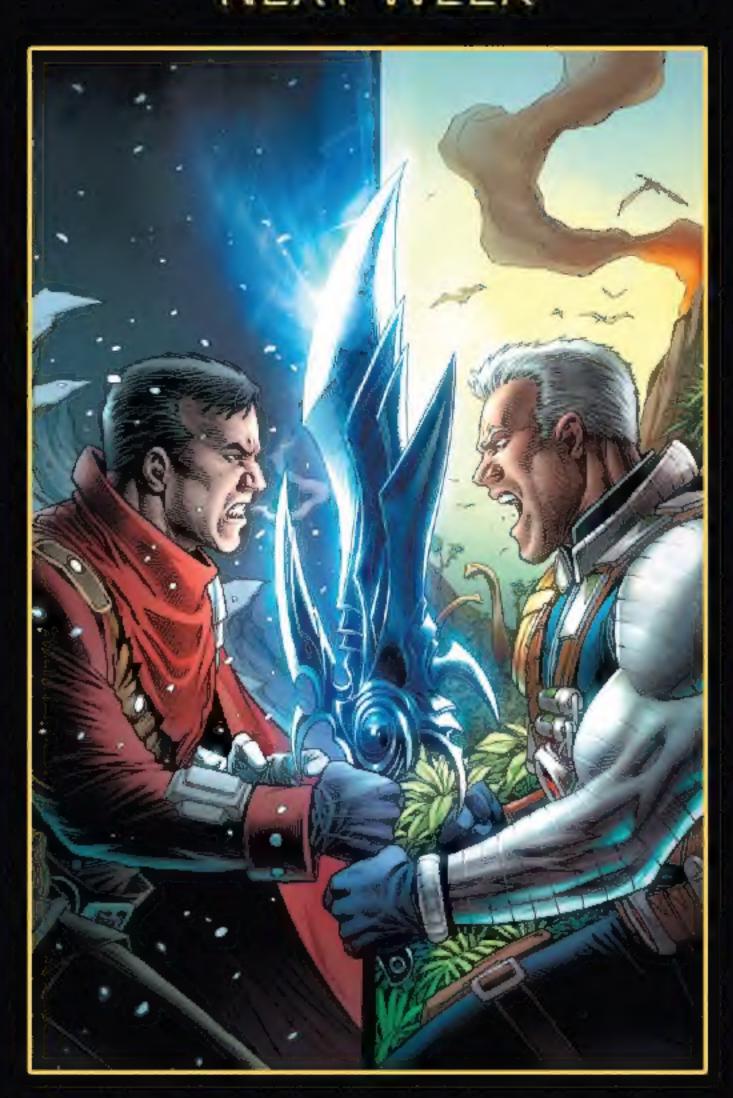


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